

REMARKS

The final office action mailed October 9, 2007 has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Claims 1-34 are pending.

The office action rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) based on “Quatresooz (Mechanobiology and force transduction in scars developed in darker skin types, Skin research and technology, Volume 12 Issue 4 Page 279-282, November 2006).” Claims 32 and 33 stand rejected under 35. U.S.C. § 103 based “Quatresooz in view of official notice.” The office action does not specifically address claims 2-31.

The Quatresooz reference, as cited by the Examiner against claims 1, 32 and 33, is dated November 2006. Although the office action failed to provide a copy of the cited Quatresooz reference, a copy obtained independently by Applicants’ representative also indicates publication in 2006. Because the present application was filed January 20, 2004, Quatresooz is not prior art. Applicants further observe that the present application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application 60/464,853 (filed April 24, 2003) and French Patent Application 03 00721 (filed January 23, 2003).

All rejections having been fully addressed, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for immediate allowance and respectfully solicit prompt notification of the same.

Respectfully Submitted,

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